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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LAMPE (Sponsor), HUMMEL, ATKINS, NICHOLS, ELLINGER AND McNEIL (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the creation of an advisory council on the education of gifted and talented children.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.249, to read as follows:

161.249. 1. There is hereby created the "Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children" which shall consist of seven members appointed by the state commissioner of education. Upon initial appointment, four members of the advisory council shall serve terms through January 1, 2013, and three members shall serve terms through January 1, 2016. Thereafter, members shall serve four-year terms. Upon the expiration of the term of a member, that member shall continue to serve until a replacement is appointed. The council shall organize with a chairperson selected by the commissioner of education. Members of the council shall serve without compensation and shall not be reimbursed for travel to and from meetings.

2. The state board of education shall consider recommendations for membership on the council from organizations of educators and parents of gifted and talented children and other groups with an interest in the education of gifted and talented children. The members appointed shall be residents of the state of Missouri and selected on the basis of their knowledge of, or experience in, programs and problems of the education of gifted and talented children.

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3. The commissioner of education shall seek the advice of the council regarding all rules and policies to be adopted by the state board relating to the education of gifted and talented children. A staff person appointed by the board of education shall serve as the board's liaison to the council. The state board of education shall provide necessary clerical support and assistance in order to facilitate meetings of the council.

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